## **FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street

## **Council Members Present:**

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles attended via Zoom at 6:06 p.m. Councilor Tony Meier was excused.

## Staff Present:

City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

AGENDA	ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	There were none.
Public Comment	There were no comments.
Fire Chief Brush Truck Discussion	Chief Young stated the Fire Levy agreed upon by Council was passed in November and the main item was for the purchase of a brush truck to replace an older truck for \$96,000. He noted this new truck would only be for Falls City calls for fire and medical. He reported that Jim at Power in Salem would do all the financing for the new truck and needs a \$60,000 payment to secure the truck. He noted that if the Council wanted to pass on the truck Jim would resell the truck. He mentioned that Jim had GMAC financing and that would cover the truck, box, lights, sirens and have it ready to go by spring 2023.
	Councilor Jirovec advised that three quotes were required per state regulations for any project over \$10,000. Chief Young asked if he needed to acquire bids from companies that make these trucks. Councilor Jirovec noted that he need to have bids for the whole project.
	Mr. Foscoli reported that the payment could be combination of levy and ARPA funds to make the payment. Councilor Jirovec noted that clearer decision could be made after looking at the budget for the Fire Department.
	It was decided by the Council to have an emergency meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the fire budget and the 2 remaining quotes being acquired by Chief Young

## Consent Agenda It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve a) November 14, 2022 Minutes the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion b) November 8, 2022 Election Results was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 4.0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES. Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report Mayor Bailey had no report. b) City Manager's Evaluation Mayor Bailey stated the new city manager's review had been whittled down to 7 pages from 12 pages after the last evaluation notes were given from Councilors. Councilor Jirovec suggested that Mr. Foscoli do a self-evaluation related to his last years goals and then the Council can formulate goals for next The Council agreed with Councilor Jirovec and the decision was to have the City Manager evaluate himself and submit it to the Council for the January 9, 2023 meeting. c) Councilor Comments Mayor Bailey thanked everyone involved in the Thanksgiving Dinner event. Councilor Jirovec noted it was a good community event with over 400 people served. Mayor Bailey thanked Bread Board for a warming center for the food. d) Historic Landmark Committee Council President Houghtaling asked if another meeting was needed to complete the application. Mr. Foscoli stated he had submitted everything and was waiting on SHPO. Reports from City Manager & Staff a) Falls City Fire Report There were no comments. b) Polk County Sheriff Report There were no comments. c) Falls City Public Works Report There were no comments. d) City Manager Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project, LCB, Code enforcement, towing, speed test, escape routes to school, air filtration grant and the Community center roof leak, brush truck, and the mobile broadband deployment. Mr. Foscoli reported the roof leak repair would be \$7,000 or \$25,000 for the full roof. Councilor Jirovec suggested doing the repair and create a

roof fund and budget for it. The consensus of the Council was to repair the roof for \$7.000.

Mr. Foscoli reported he had been working with a mobile hotspot organization and they were looking to deploy mobile devices throughout the community to help with education and medical. He mentioned the devices would be no cost to the city. He noted any help to compile a list of 20 people that would need the service would be helpful. He advised these devices would be essential in helping bridge the gap before Willamette Valley Fiber gets to Falls City.

e) Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

Mr. Foscoli reported that low to middle income households in the community would have the opportunity to apply for funding to work on water mains. He noted the City would need to finance half of the loan over 30 years on a 1% loan at \$3,471.19 monthly. He mentioned that a \$7.27 of 477 water accounts would make the payment. He advised that the City hadn't increased water rates in over 5 years and this would help replace all old meters to new radio read meters. He stated there was an abundance of infrastructure dollars floating around that could really help.

It was moved by Councilor D Sickles that the City Council of Falls City direct the City Manager to apply for \$1,075,218 from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. The motion the duly seconded by Councilor Jirovec and CARRIED with a Roll Call vote of 4-0 with Councilors, Backus, Jirovec, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.

Resolutions
Resolution 08-2022

Mr. Foscoli noted this was a CDBG requirement for the funding regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt Resolution 08-2022, a Resolution to adopt the Section 3 Plan to comply with 24 CFR, Part 135 of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 3. The motion the duly seconded by Councilor Backus

	and CARRIED with a Roll Call vote of 4-0 with
	Councilors, Backus, Jirovec, D Sickles, and Counci
	President Houghtaling voting YES.
Good of the Order	Council President Houghtaling asked if there had been any school personnel contact regarding the football field. Mr. Foscoli noted there hadn't been. She noted there had been a bid for redoing the football field for \$20,000. She asked if the City could help with the cost of the field refurbishing cost. Mr. Foscoli stated he would start the conversation
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was
	adjourned at 7:44 p.m.
Read and approved this day of	<u>var u</u> 2023.
Mayor: ATTEST:	
City Recorder:	